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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. In view of the difficulties encountered by the assigned working group in the preparation of refined and detailed psychiatric-psychological material for presentation in the Operations Course, it has been proposed and approved by the Director of Training and Acting Chief, Medical Staff that effective immediately efforts will be aimed at preparing material and methods for presentation in a trial manner to Headquarters DD/P personnel. The long-range objective still is to develop and integrate psychological-psychiatric material into the operations training. The immediate goal of this trial presentation is to work out a mutual professional point of view regarding the most useful way of presenting this material to case officers.

2. Accordingly, [] of the Psychiatric Division [] of the [] Staff are assigned to work together on a continuous one-man-one-task basis to prepare the trial materials. In view of the exploratory nature of this Course, material and methods may be included which are controversial but nevertheless deemed worthy of further evaluation. While [] are free to seek assistance and advice from their colleagues, they will be free from further delimiting unilateral instructions during the completion of this task. A preliminary report of progress and an estimated date of completion will be expected three weeks after the task is begun. The final report should include an outline of the Course presentation, lectures sufficiently detailed for presentation by knowledgeable members of either Staff, recommendations regarding seminars and discussions, instructors, time allotments, and recommendations regarding the use of special or accessory teaching techniques such as film, group dynamic experience, etc., as well as proposals for evaluating the relative value of different materials and techniques to the students.

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